

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

Sub B1 ~~Sub A1~~ 1. A coating material comprising a fractionated yeast cell wall and at least one member selected from the group consisting of viscous polysaccharides,

5 oligosaccharides, hardened fats and oils, waxes, sugar alcohols and starch hydrolyzates.

2. The coating material as described in claim 1,

wherein the viscous polysaccharide is pullulan.

Cont 2' 3. The coating material as described in claim 1,

10 wherein the oligosaccharide is at least one member selected from the group consisting of trehalose, paratinose and raffinose.

Sub B2 ~~Sub A2~~ 4. A coated powder comprising a core substance in a powdery or granular form of 30 to 3000 μm in an average

15 particle size having been coated with 0.05 to 1.5 parts by weight of a coating material comprising a fractionated yeast cell wall and at least one member selected from the group consisting of viscous polysaccharides,

20 oligosaccharides, hardened fats and oils, waxes, sugar alcohols per 1 part by weight of said core substance.

5. The coated powder as described in claim 4, wherein the viscous polysaccharide is pullulan.

Cont 1' 6. The coated powder as described in claim 4, wherein the oligosaccharide is at least one member selected

from the group consisting of trehalose, palatinose and raffinose.

7. The coated powder as described in one of claims 4 to 6, wherein the core substance is a flavor composition, a colour material, an acidity regulator, a seasoning, a sweetener, a spice, a vitamin, a functional material or a mixture of two or more of them.

8. The coated powder as described in claim 7, wherein the core substance is a flavor composition.

9. A food or beverage composition which comprises the coated powder described in one of claims 4 to 8.

10. A perfumy cosmetic composition which comprises the coated powder described in one of claims 4 to 8.

11. A process for producing a coated powder, which comprises spraying a solution of a coating material comprising a fractionated yeast cell wall and at least one member selected from the group consisting of viscous polysaccharides, oligosaccharides, hardened fats and oils, waxes, sugar alcohols and starch hydrolyzates against a core substance in a powdery or granular form of 30 to 3000 μm in an average particle size under stirring or in a fluidized state to thereby coat the core substance with 0.05 to 1.5 parts by weight of the coating material per 1 part by weight of said core substance.

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